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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## **DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

**February 15, 2005**

### **Notice of Proposed Action**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the South Area Leach Project, a beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088011 is:

**Newmont Mining Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 669**  
**Carlin, Nevada 89822-0669**

The facility is located on public and private land in northern Eureka County, within Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 33 North, Range 51 East, and Sections 6, 7, and 18, Township 33 North, Range 52 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 6 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The project is a heap leach and refractory leach beneficiation facility designed to process gold ore, with a maximum permitted production rate of 24,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility, as permitted, is comprised of two (2) separate heap leach pads, a refractory ore leach pad, five (5) process solution ponds, five (5) stormwater ponds, associated solution tanks, sumps, pumps, pipelines, and five (5) water quality monitoring wells. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event. It is estimated the facility will disturb approximately 1,500 acres of public and private land.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the renewal Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the **30<sup>th</sup> day** following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
333 West Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov.bmrr/bmrr01.html>